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Prevent domestic violence

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will offer classes on domestic violence prevention. Classes are today, 2-4 p.m. and Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. All classes are at the ACS. For more info, call 533-6873.

AFTB Level I marathon

The Army Family Team Building Level I marathon is coming. Take all the courses in one day and receive a certification. Classes are at the Murr Community Center Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 533-5686.

Special Forces Recruiting

The Special Forces Recruiting Team will be here Monday through Oct. 24. They will hold briefings at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily with additional 6 p.m. briefings Tuesday and Wednesday.

Physical fitness tests will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday. All briefings will be held at Murr Community Center.

Briefings are open to all males in all military occupational specialties. Point of contact for this event is Rosalie Monge at 533-1503.

Tax Center volunteers

The Fort Huachuca Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is looking for tax center volunteers responsible for taking client information and processing tax returns into an automated tax program.

Tax training is provided, but prior experience preparing income tax returns is a plus. Volunteers should have some experience operating a computer with Windows. Point of contact is Capt. Julio C. Salazar at 533-2009

Post retirement ceremony

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will host an Installation Retirement Ceremony Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. on Brown Parade Field.

The following are those standing in the ceremony:

Maj. Susan Zayas, Medical Activity; Chief Warrant Officer Emmanuel P. Montoro, 86th Signal Battalion; Sgt. Maj. Donald J. Bartholomew, 306th MI Bn. and 1st Sgt. Scott A. Quick, 111th MI Bde.

Please contact Sgt. Carmela Whited for reserved seating at carmela.whited@hua.army.mil.

Mandatory class

All military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, and contractors assigned to Fort Huachuca are encouraged to attend one of the two scheduled classes concerning "Legal Issues and Information Systems Operations."

Class dates/times are: Oct. 30 at Fitch Auditorium 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., and Nov. 13 at the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command Conference Room, Greely Hall at 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Point of contact for this action is David Miller at 533-5712.

Command information survey

The Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office needs your help in improving its service to the community.

Look for the Command Information Survey in future editions of the *Scout* or All-Users e-mail. Return the survey to our office via e-mail to paowatch@hua.army.mil or print and send it via the post distro to ATZS-PA.

One soldier dead, one wounded in on-post shooting incident

MP remains in stable condition

Scout reports

A military police sergeant is dead and another was wounded as a result of a shooting incident that took place on the installation near Wren Arena Friday night, according to post officials.

Dead is Sgt. Brian Janis, 31, of the 18th Military Police Detachment. Wounded in the shooting was Sgt. First Class Lyman L. Holton, 46, also assigned to the 18th Military Police Detachment.

Although an investigation into the incident has not yet been completed, it is alleged that Janis was distraught and came to the post at approximately 3 p.m. with his privately owned handgun.

His fellow military policemen, including

Holton, reportedly attempted to talk with Janis to calm him, but were unable to do so.

At around 7:30 p.m., while Holton attempted to talk with him, Janis is reported to have made a suicidal gesture with his handgun and Holton, who was unarmed, intervened. In the ensuing struggle, Holton was shot an unknown number of times by Janis' weapon.

At that point, other military police at the scene fired their weapons at Janis, fatally wounding him.

Holton, a native of St. Paul, Minn., and 17-year veteran of military service, was transported to the Sierra Vista Hospital and was subsequently transferred to the University Medical Center in Tucson where is reported in stable condition following surgery for his wounds. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Following the incident, the Fort Huachuca Chaplain Activities Office began providing grief counseling to the family members, as well as, members of the 18th Military Police Detachment.

Plans for a memorial service and funeral for Sgt. Janis are pending. Janis had been in the U.S. Army for eight years and claimed Tucson as his home. He is survived by his wife and three children, ages 7, 9, and 11 years. Command officials have conveyed their condolences to the family.



Sgt. 1st Class Lyman Holton



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Water pressure

Third-grader Stephen Liest, Johnston Elementary School, pumps water from a water model during the Water Wise and Energy Smart class in efforts to learn water conservation. The demonstration showed the students why conserving water is important on a daily basis.

Just a matter of time...

Fraudulent leave/TDY claim abusers will get caught

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

Recent Army-wide investigations have found soldiers scamming the United States Government through fraud and theft by taking unauthorized leave in conjunction with temporary duty.

"This modus operandi is completed by not indicating leave taken on the travel voucher, and/or not submitting a leave form along with the voucher to the Department of Finance and Account Service Center," said Special Agent in Charge Marty J. Smith, Criminal Investigations Division, Fort Huachuca.

Although the commanding officer of the soldier knows how many days the soldier's TDY will entail, this fraud and theft is often not detected by DFAS since they do not see the soldier's orders.

Often this theft of leave time occurs when family or friends are near the TDY station, said Smith.

Special Agent Robin Washburn, CID, Fort Huachuca, said, unless soldiers annotate leave on travel vouchers and send the appropriate leave forms to DFAS, finance and accounting cannot know the soldier took leave in conjunction with their TDY.

"Based on 30 days leave per year, an E-7 could steal a ballpark figure of \$2700 a year from the government," said Washburn.

A theft that should be easier to catch than it has been, the Fort Huachuca CID has released a flyer as a preven-

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Revised policy outlines benefits for troops at war

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

With more detail, but less legalese, a revised deployment and mobilization policy on operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle will hopefully eliminate problems with orders, Army officials said.

Some soldiers have shipped their privately owned vehicles overseas on temporary duty orders, which is not allowed, said Lt. Col. Nobel Lugo, a finance action officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1. Then there are some soldiers who are getting unauthorized per diem, he added.

The Personnel Policy Guidance, which is published at www.odcsper.army.mil, contains eight sections that outline everything from deploying to redeploying troops who are engaged in the war on terrorism.

It also delves into equipment, medical and dental and family assistance for deployed troops.

"The biggest problem is that soldiers don't know what their entitlements are," Lugo said. "The PPG is written in simple terms so that anyone can understand it. It's not for a specific audience, but I advise people who publish orders to visit the Web site."

Example travel orders for both operations are printed in the policy because clerks were using orders that were made for other operations and just changing the name, Lugo said.

Soldiers also need to understand that the entitlements are different for both Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Reserve-component soldiers mobilized for the stateside operation, Noble Eagle, are authorized movement and storage of their household goods.

However, personnel assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom are not authorized to store or move household goods, the PPG states.

Entitlements are not only different between Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom,

soldiers participating in the same operation may have inequities of benefits.

Personnel mobilized for Noble Eagle, who had to leave their local commuting area, are entitled to travel pay to the duty station and then back home after the mobilization.

They are also authorized per diem during the entire period of active duty, according to the policy.

Personnel ordered to duty at a location within their local commuting area are also entitled to travel pay to the duty station and back home after the mobilization.

However, they are not authorized per diem or mileage during the active-duty tour, the policy states.

"Even though the first PPG came out Oct. 19, 2001, it left a lot for interpretation," Lugo said. "It was finalized, but we were still writing and rewriting. There will be changes, and we'll reflect that in the policy."

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You can make a difference

Ken Bowles, PC
ASAP Office

Part 1 of 2

Enrique Camarena was a nice looking young Marine, who left the Corps to eventually become a Federal Agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency. His mother objected because interdiction of illegal drugs across the border with Mexico was dangerous.

Camarena told his mother he felt he could make a difference. You know the rest of the story. As he might have done while in the military, he paid with his life for a cause he believed in. Unfortunately we are the ones who are letting Camarena and our nation down, because so many of us sit by and watch others use or even manufacture or deal in illegal drugs and do nothing.

Red Ribbon Week can provide us an opportunity to stop and examine the almost unreal price we all pay for illegal drug use and remind us of the damage drugs can cause. If the physical side effects of legal drugs are too severe, the manufacturer are required to remove the drug from the market for ethical and medical reasons. Unfortunately, the formulas still remain available in medical journals, to be “discovered” and then “reintroduced” but this time as an illegal street drug. Ethics and medical consequences have no significance to the illegal drug trade so drugs such as LSD (Lysergic Acid), Angel Dust (Phencyclidine), Cocaine, Crank (methamphetamines) and Ecstasy that were once legal drugs end up on the street.

Marijuana continues to be illegal because of the well researched long term negative consequences of use. In spite of the side effects, Marinol which contain some of the components of marijuana, remains legal prescription drugs because it serves a legitimate medical purpose. Like some other legal drugs, Marinol may be addictive for some people.

Despite its long history of addiction, it has only been in the last few years that it has been subject to medical scrutiny. Research has documented the health hazard of smoking and other forms of tobacco use.

The media keeps us well informed about the extent to which drug manufacturing and trafficking has impacted our communities. The media will frequently report that police or agents of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency have intercepted large shipments of marijuana. Recent news told of the dramatic increase in smuggled methamphetamines.

Sometimes, closer to home, police will “bust” a clandestine drug lab in someone’s kitchen or bathroom. Not uncommonly police will find small children living amid the filth and toxic fumes from the drug making. The toxic waste by-product is often discarded in the sewer, or thrown on the ground where it can poison chil-

dren or pets playing there. Not too long ago a media story reported that police discovered an indoor “marijuana farm” in a quiet residential neighborhood. Sometimes the stories tell of drug related murders, or innocent people killed by mistake, or in crossfire.

Medical treatment for health problems and injury resulting from illegal drugs consumes a large part of our healthcare budget. The number of dollars we pay annually for police, prisons, and our criminal justice system to deal with the manufacture, trafficking and use of illegal drugs exceeds what we spend on our schools.

The other price we rarely consider is the impact on future generations. Drug use by school children may lead to lifetime addiction. Some young people today began their drug use at home with parents who began using drugs in the 60’s, and may in turn introduce their children to drugs.

The greatest price however lies in our future generation of children yet to be born.

Children growing up in homes where alcohol or drugs lead to family violence, will carry emotional scars for the rest of their lives and in turn may be violent as adults.

An alcohol or drug addicted mother who uses drugs or alcohol while pregnant will bear children who may go through withdrawal at birth. Many of these children will have learning disabilities, and may suffer brain damage that can leads to aggressive and violent behavior as they get older. Some will end up in tomorrow’s headlines because of violent acts they commit.

It was to keep our nation free of illegal drugs and all of their consequences that led Camarena to put his life on the line. We can continue his example in a less dramatic way by remaining drug free ourselves, and taking every step we can to help others do the same. This may mean making a report of possible manufacture or trafficking or the use of illegal drugs. It may not always be easy, but will be an important way we can make a difference.

Commanders can make a difference by “smart testing” when they schedule biochemical collection. Unit education may prevent drug abuse or encourage those with an alcohol or drug problem to ask for help.. Training leaders and supervisors to detect signs of use, how to intervene and about the Army Substance Abuse Program can lead to early identification and referral for treatment for drugs or alcohol problems.

For more information or to schedule classes, please call Ken Bowles at 538-1315, or better still, visit our office in Building 22414.



Integrity: Do what’s right, legally and morally. - Army Values

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitschke
Deputy Command Chaplain, NETCOM

He had a fourth grade education and came from a dirt-farmer background in North Dakota. He raised five boys and one girl along with one wife for over 43 years. He moved to California and made less in a year than I do in a month.

He had tons of friends and he worked hard as a welder. When he promised you something or made a financial deal, he shook your hand and that was all that was needed. No fine print. No lawyers. No, “Well, buts...” And no blaming someone else for his mistakes.

When he died, over 400 people came to his funeral and the city closed stores in his memory. Boy scouts lined the path from the hearse to the crypt. He was an amazing man. Honest, true to his word; a man of integrity. He was also my dad.

Integrity is a much thrown around word today. However, with Enron, toy companies, phone companies, and others going down the tubes, I have to wonder about the integrity of the leaders involved.

It comes closer to home when that lack of integrity involves us. First, people lie to us. Parents see this every day with their children!!! However, some of us see it at work, and in organizations to which we belong. Being lied to hurts. Lies are breaches of trust and integrity. Lies build on themselves and eventually erode the relationship and/or the organization. Second, we lie to people. Hopefully, this is the minority, but we have to be aware of what we also are capable of in the realm of integrity - or lack thereof.

My father is one of my heroes. His handshake was his word and his bond. Whose hero are you? Can your children see your integrity? Do your coworkers trust you? Do your subordinates believe you? Do your superiors count on you? The big test for me is: can you look at the mirror at night and still like the face you see?

Integrity. Abraham Lincoln once described integrity as “that which one does in the dark.” Meaning? You *do what’s right, legally and morally* when nobody can see you; when nobody can credit - or punish - you.

My prayer/hope for all of us is that we, as leaders, (and everyone is a leader in some manner) maintain our own integrity and through modeling, mentor younger leaders in proper integrity maintenance for themselves.

Integrity. You can’t lead an Army without it. You can’t live a full life without it.

Commander’s Hotline

Call

Why is it that veterans (Veterans Affairs members) can’t get VA prescriptions filled at the pharmacy? I was told that I need to get them mailed from the VA. Why can’t the two entities work together?

Response

The bottom line is the Department of Veterans Affairs wants VA patients to fill their prescriptions via the mail order system because they believe it is cheaper for them. This includes military retirees. The agreement between Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and the VA is only that we will provide 10 days worth of controlled

substances, and nothing else. We do have a meeting with the VA the first week in October to discuss a number of issues, to include this one. Patients must understand, however, that the guidance we are using is actually from the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs level; not locally generated. This concern is just one of the issues the President’s Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery to Our Nations Veterans is addressing in looking at DoD/VA interfaces.

Col. Lydia Coffman
Commander, RWBAHC

Kudos Korner

The following soldiers qualified for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in September:

Spc. Caster Anderson, 504th Signal Battalion; Spc. Donald Keller, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade; Spc. Gregory English, 19th Signal Company; Command Sgt. Maj. Kurt A. Richter, HHC, 111th MI Bde.; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Emmanuel P. Montoro, HHC, 86th Sig. Bn.

Scout on the Street



Everyone knows each other here. The installation is small here; so we’re all family.

Chief Petty Officer John Ciburk,
Cryptologic Technician Collection Surface Warfare



The recognition we get stationed here in Fort Huachuca. People are always surprised to see us out here in the desert.

1st Class Petty Officer Ralph Hunter,
CTR1



We have to learn how to deal with each other and live with one another more closely than any other branch since we live on a ship most of the time.

Seaman Sherry Lobell,
CTRSN and data analysis



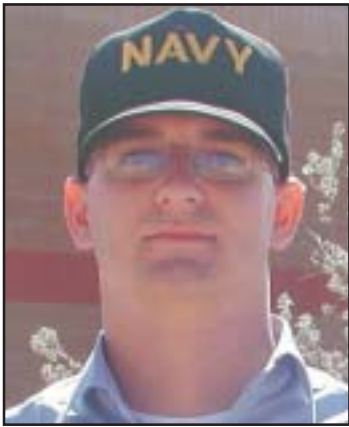
We’re a sea power. That’s important for trade between nations since most things are shipped.

Seaman Robert Norris,
CTRSN and data analysis



Esprit de Corps- the Navy shows a lot more teamwork than other branches.

2nd Class Petty Officer William Webster,
CTRSN



We’re the foremost power projection. Also, we get to travel the most.

Seaman Dan Chamberlain,
CTRSN and data analysis

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JITC employee’s quick action saves life of coworker

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

The quick, decisive actions of three Joint Interoperability Test Command contract employees saved the life of their fellow co-worker, and as a result all are being honored as Northrop Grumman’s employees of the month for October.

Sept. 16 started off as any other work day for Ralph Handley, funds analyst, Becky Bazan, Patricia Blake, and Lyn Farbo, who are all business management analysts. They all work for Northrop Grumman’s Travel Coordination Center. Suddenly without warning, Handley stood up and sat down before passing out. He learned later he had suffered from intestinal hemorrhaging.

“It just came on very sudden, it happened so fast, it all took place just in a couple of minutes,” Handley said.

Blake couldn’t remember if it was a noise that made her turn around from her cubicle, but when she did, she found Handley passed out, lying on the floor.

“I tried to pull him up and was calling for help. In the past my response to everything had been to panic, but this time I was happy

with myself. I prayed, ‘Dear God, please help me to do something’ and He did,” Blake said. That’s when Farbo, who worked in a daycare center in the past where she had to get her cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification on an annual basis, entered and started to immediately clear his airway and perform CPR because he wasn’t breathing and had started to choke.

Handley came to as Farbo was clearing his airway. “It took the two of us,” Blake said.

Another JITC employee Philip Kunz contacted security who in turn contacted paramedics who arrived on the scene within minutes. He was transported to the Sierra Vista Hospital emergency room and from there he was transported by helicopter to the University Medical Center in Tucson.

“I had one episode while in flight, but the flight nurse took care of me,” Handley said. He spent three days and three nights in the intensive care unit.

Bazan walked in when Farbo and Blake had him placed on the floor. She called Handley’s wife and then followed the ambulance to the hospital.

Another positive aspect of Handley’s life-threatening situation is following his ordeal

an e-mail was distributed which informed JITC employees for emergency assistance simply call 911 and nothing else.

“What I found out later is that if it hadn’t been for their quick action I would have choked or possibly could have suffered from pneumonia,” he said. “Everything was so timely and well-organized that I feel like there was a plan in place just for me,” Handley said.

“When I was leaving there were so many well-wishers lined up in the hallway that I felt like I was participating in a pass and review,” said Handley, who retired from the Army as a master sergeant in the Finance Corps.

“Throughout my Army career I’ve been in situations where those involved didn’t know what to do but look. Thank goodness they responded in the correct way,” he said. “I’m glad Northrop Grumman are recognizing them,” he said.

“Now he can’t even sneeze without us falling over ourselves to see if he’s okay,” Bazan said laughing. Blake added a quote she attributed to Handley, “Getting old is not for sissies,” she quipped.

“We are all pretty fortunate we all like

each other and enjoy working with each other. We are a happy family. I feel like I work with my sisters and my daughters. What they did for me that dat; I’ll tell you that I’ll be thanking them forever,” Handley said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Lyn Farbo, Becky Bazan and Patricia Blake all are thankful that coworker, Ralph Handley is back at work. Their quick actions saved Handley’s life.

Former Buffalo Soldier talks about experience as POW during Korean War

By Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart
Scout News Editor

Between the ages of 18-21, the average American goes to college, gets a job or moves out on their own. Former Buffalo Soldier, Alfred Simpson spent those years as a prisoner of War.

Simpson spoke at the Navy Detachment’s observance of the Navy’s 227th Birthday, Saturday about the 29 months he spent as a POW during the Korean War and of the unity among the prisoners that helped them to cement their survival. He was held prisoner from Feb. 12, 1951 – Aug. 3, 1953.

He noted how the framers of the American constitution pledge their fortunes, their lives and their sacred honor in order to form a new union and because they so strongly be-

lieved in liberty.

He believes God prepared him for the ordeal by giving him an out of body experience on the ship that was transporting him overseas. “During that experience I was told by who I assume was the Spirit of God not to worry, that I would come back alive, and that no matter what happened I would not be wounded,” Simpson said.

He didn’t sustain any visible injuries but lost most of his hearing because of two grenade blasts, one of which knocked him unconscious. He began to come to when one of the Chinese soldiers jerked him in order to take his weapon from him. Simpson finally relinquished it when a second Chinese soldier cocked and aimed a weapon at him.

“When I got captured, I was captured with the 9th Regiment. Between the regiment, my battery and the engineers, there were over 2,500 blacks who went over there. Only 500 of us came back. I’ve seen a lot of dieing and a lot of suffering,” he said. The 24th Infantry and the 9th Infantry were the last of the Buffalo Soldier regiments before the military was desegregated.

He said for every one United Nation prisoner captured there were 500 Chinese or North Korean prisoners who were captured. Out of his POW camp, he said only 21 Americans refused to be repatriated. Simpson said part of it was the indoctrination.

He said the five blacks who chose to stay refused to go back because of segregation in the American South. “There was segregation in the South and throughout the country but I knew that it was still better than living under communist rule. We knew it was all a matter of working to change segregation within the laws, which we did,” Simpson said.

He was first captured in February and between then and April he had to participate in a lot of forced marches.

“We did a lot of scrounging in villages. Sometimes the guard shared some of their rations with us, but we understood that it was all they had,” Simpson said. After he got settled in a camp he survived on a diet of fish and bean mullet.

“Unity kept us together and helped us to survive,” Simpson said.

He spent 27 years in the Army as a field artillery soldier and retired as a master sergeant. He also did two tours in Vietnam. His first was with the 101st Airborne Division from 1965-66 and his second tour was from 1970-71.

He said the Chinese communists learned from the Korean War and kept prisoners separate during the Vietnam Conflict. The only way POWs could communicate during

the Vietnam Conflict was to use Morse code.

Simpson said at first the white and black prisoners were all mixed together but an imprisoned member who was part of the Ku Klux Klan complained to the guards that race mixing was not common in America. Simpson said ultimately the communist guards tried to use race to cause division.

“Those of us who were Christians kept our unity through our religious faith,” Simpson said.

“We had daily devotionals and read our Bible through time after time. That time in captivity and my time in the military served to strengthen my faith. A lot of people complain that life doesn’t have a manual. I believe our manual is the Holy Bible,” Simpson said.

He believes the prisoner’s Bibles weren’t confiscated because their interpreters and camp-counselors were raised by American missionaries.

“At times it was as hard for them to be our captors as it was for us to be held captive. Being harsh on us was something they didn’t feel comfortable doing. A lot of them were youngsters, like we were during World War II, and could even remember fighting with the Americans against the Japanese,” Simpson said. He said the communist captors tried to indoctrinate the prisoners with anti-Christian and anti-American propaganda. “We had a lot of interesting debate because we were all from different Christian denominations. Some of us were Catholic, Methodists and Baptists.” He went on to note that two of his fellow prisoners went on to become congressmen.

Simpson admits to not having bitterness toward God or those of other races. “How can you be a Christian and still practice bitterness?” he asked. “Christ teaches us to love one another. Most of my fellow prisoners went on to become ministers within their respective denominations,” Simpson said quietly.

He was able to receive letters from his family and always knew his family was praying for him. “My mother actually wanted me to go to seminary, but the Korean War broke out two days before my high school graduation. Most of the guys I went to school with joined the service,” Simpson said.

“During my childhood in Philadelphia, every empty store was soon taken over by a church,” he said.

The prisoners were allowed to read the New York Daily Worker, which was an American communist newspaper, and were aware their release was getting nearer. The base also produced a weekly English newspaper.

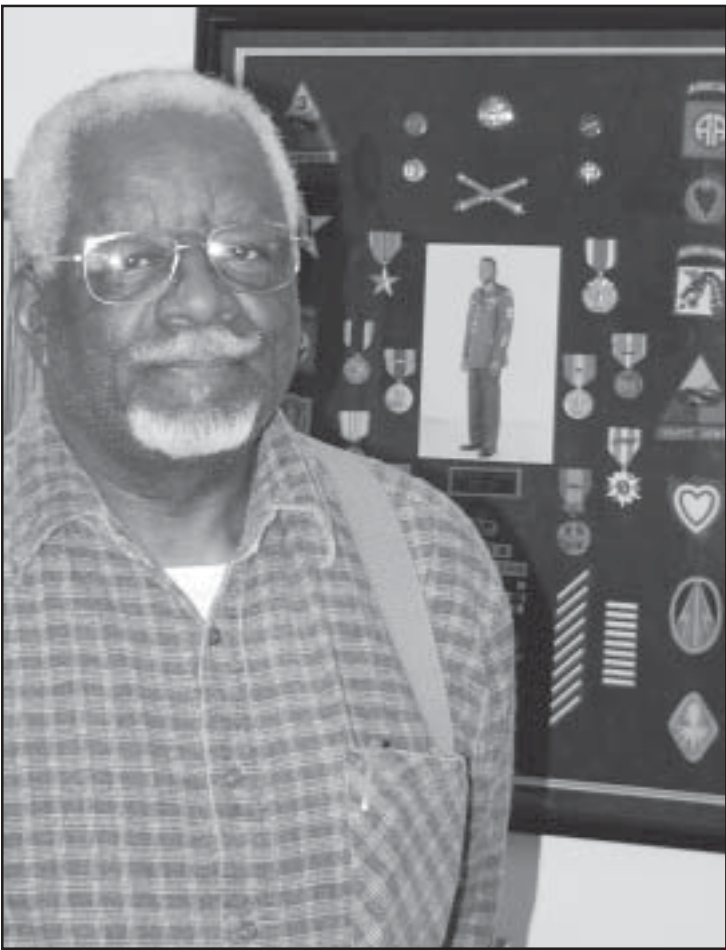


Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Alfred Simpson, former Buffalo Soldier, was a prisoner of war from Feb. 12, 1951 - Aug. 5, 1953, during the Korean War. He also served two tours in Vietnam.

Near-retirement special forces veterans get cash offer to remain on active duty

By Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

Selected Special Forces non-commissioned officers near retirement can now get a cash bonus if they choose to remain on active duty.

Under the Army’s first-ever Critical Skills Retention Bonus program, certain SF soldiers with 20 to 25 years of service may apply for the bonus beginning Oct. 1.

Soldiers with various specialties are eligible to receive an \$8,000 to \$10,000-a-year bonus if they sign on for two or more years of service, according to a military personnel message issued Sept. 27.

The CSRB program arrives on the heels of the September announcement that soldiers who had been affected by Stop-Loss for a year would be allowed to request voluntary separation from the Army.

Stop-Loss, which allows the Army to

retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period, was instituted in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom on Nov. 30, 2001.

Additional Stop-Loss announcements on Dec. 27, Feb. 8 and June 6 expanded the pool of impacted soldiers.

Under the policy announced Sept. 5, soldiers will generally be subject to Stop-Loss for no more than 12 months.

Since Stop-Loss was partially lifted, some personnel officials were concerned that the Army would lose some of its retirement-eligible soldiers in military occupational specialties which are already short.

Stop-Loss is an operational tool, and the CSRB incentive is a retention tool, explained Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Nordin, professional development NCO, Special Forces Enlisted Career Management Branch.

Master Sgt. Robert Allyn, senior career adviser for the Special Forces Enlisted Management Branch, said that it’s imperative to

retain as many Special Forces NCOs as possible right now. They have the crucial skills necessary to fight the war on terrorism, he explained.

“CMF (career management field) 18 Special Forces NCO’s numbers are critically lower than the acceptable Army standards,” Allyn said.

“The vast majority of Special Forces NCOs who stay past 20 years separate between the 20-21 year mark. We’re doing everything possible to try and retain these Special Forces NCOs past the 20 year mark.”

The enlisted specialties eligible for the program include Special Forces soldiers with the following military occupational specialties: 18B, weapons sergeant; 18C, engineer sergeant; 18D, medical sergeant; 18E, communications sergeant; 18F, assistant operations and intelligence sergeant; and 18Z, senior sergeant.

Funding for the CSRB limits the number of MOSs that can receive the bonus, the MILPER message said.

Special Forces sergeants first class may receive an annual bonus of \$10,000, while first sergeants and master sergeants are eligible to receive \$8,000.

Payment of the CSRB will be computed by multiplying the years of additional obligated service by the amount payable for each year of obligated service, Canada said.

Canada explained how a bonus could be calculated: A sergeant first class who is willing to obligate for an additional three years at the amount of \$10,000 per year receives the total amount of his or her bonus of \$30,000 paid in a lump sum (minus taxes when applicable).

Eligible soldiers interested in applying must submit a CSRB request memorandum through their local retention NCO, no earlier than 19 years, 6 months of service, Allyn said.

A soldier may not request the CSRB for more than 25 years of active federal service, Canada said.

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month

What is domestic and family violence?

Domestic violence occurs between spouses or partners and refers to the violence that occurs when one partner uses power to control their partner through violence, threats and/ or other forms of intimidation.

Family violence is a broader term that includes all forms of violence within the family, including inter-generational abuse. It includes all direct and indirect victims including children and other relatives who visit regularly or live in the home.

Most Indigenous communities also prefer the term ‘family violence’ because it more accurately reflects the diversities and complexities of kinship ties.

- Domestic and family violence can include:
- Physical abuse (including slapping, hitting, punching, pushing, biting, kicking)
 - Emotional abuse (making you feel worthless, criticising your personality, your looks, the way you dress, constantly putting you down, threatening to hurt you, your children or your pets)
 - Verbal abuse (including yelling, shouting, name-calling, swearing at you)
 - Sexual abuse (forcing or pressuring you to have sex or participate in any sexual activities that you don’t want to)
 - Financial abuse (taking control of the money, not giving you enough money to survive on, forcing you to give your partner your money, not letting you have a say in how it is spent)
 - Social abuse (controlling where you go, not letting you see your friends or family)
 - Spiritual abuse (forcing you to attend religious activities against your wishes, prohibiting you from participating in the religious practices of your choice)
 - Stalking (constantly following you by foot or car, constant phone calls). Stalking is a criminal offence in many places.

What is the difference between a domestic argument/domestic violence?

Generally, an argument occurs over a disagreement or differing points-of-view in relation to a specific issue. During the course of a domestic argument, voices can be raised in heated discussions, but there is still a level of respect and equality between partners.

Domestic violence occurs when one partner resorts to tactics aimed at achieving control and dominance. In this situation, the abusive person will seek to ‘win’ the argument by not allowing the other to express their point-of-view or coercing them to give in to their opinion.

The essential difference is the lack of equality and respect between partners, with one partner wielding control over the other.

Information retrieved from:
www.families.qld.gov.au/expectrespect/calend.html

Spouse abuse/domestic violence

Domestic violence encompasses a variety of actions including assault, patterns of behavior resulting in emotional or psychological abuse, economic control, interference with personal liberty, and/or the use, attempted use or threatened use of force against a person of the opposite sex who is a current or former spouse, or a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common, or a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

For many years, the problems of domestic abuse went unrecognized. Victims of violence suffered in silence as the community failed to protect them, hold the offender accountable and provide much needed services.

However, due to the efforts of many agencies/organizations and victims of violence, programs, services and information about the dynamics and impact of domestic violence are making headway.

Although, society has a better understanding of the scope and dynamics of spouse abuse, there is still a long way to go.

There are no proven treatment approaches or strategies to combat and break patterns of domestic violence.

However, researchers have been able to identify factors that are commonly associated with abuse. These include:

- Past history of abuse within your family
- Problems within the marriage
- Increased number of individual or familial stressors
- Specific personality traits associated with the abuser
- Social isolation or limited support network
- Increased financial pressures.

Victims advocate

The victim advocate provides support to the abused individual and speaks for the victim. The Provost Marshall’s Office, the military treatment facility, Family Advocacy Program, the victim her/himself or others may initiate contact with the victim advocate in the helping chain, depending on the circumstances of the individual case.

The advocate can support the case manager, who offers



Graphic by Angelica Pequeño

the victim a full range of safety services, preparing to deal effectively with any likelihood of continued threat or future harm.

The advocate can assist the victim with obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order/Military Protection Order.

The advocate’s observations will help Command, Social Work Service, Family Advocacy Program and others assess the situation and create a service plan. However, victim advocates are not substitutes for case managers or therapists.

Programs for batterers

Court mandates for treatment are becoming increasingly widespread in the area of domestic violence, but the effectiveness of batterer treatment has not been examined in rigorous scientific studies.

Batterer treatment programs may be helpful for some offenders but require stronger mechanisms to enforce referrals, to establish penalties for failure to comply with program requirements, to identify and develop program requirements that can address the needs of different types of batterers, and to consider the unintended or inadvertent results that may be a consequence of the treatment program, such as the possible desensitizing effects of an offender’s recognition that other individuals are batterers or exposure to experiences with diverse forms of violent or coercive behavior.

Information retrieved from:
www.army.communityservice.org/

Family advocacy

Family crises can occur at any time and in any location (military or civilian community). They are oftentimes awkward and difficult to handle. When assisting people, who are in crisis, remember the basic rules—show them you care and get help.

The Family Advocacy program is dedicated to the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment of spouse and child abuse.

The program provides a variety of services to soldiers and families to enhance their relationship skills and improve their quality of life.

This mission is accomplished through a variety of groups, seminars, workshops and counseling and intervention services.

The Army’s Family Advocacy Program has a requirement, based on AR 608-18, to provide educational information and develop resources and services to assist all individuals (victims and abusers). Information retrieved from:
www.rotc.monroe.army.mil/soldier/Famadv.asp

If you are in an abusive relationship and need assistance, contact your installation Family Advocacy Program.

The FAP may be contacted through the medical treatment facility, Family Support Program, or installation security. If you are in need of emergency assistance please contact your local or military police immediately!

Another source of help is the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

They provide callers with crisis intervention, information about domestic violence and referrals to local programs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in many languages. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or

1-800-787-3224 (TDD).

Frequently asked questions about FAP spouse abuse data

Q: How much domestic violence occurs that involves service members?

A: We do not know for certain. The Department of Defense keeps track of how many incidents of spouse abuse are reported to the Family Advocacy Program. We just don’t know how much spouse abuse and other domestic violence is unreported.

Q: How does the Department of Defense count spouse abuse incidents?

A: Since 1997 we have counted incidents of suspected spouse abuse that have been reported to the Family Advocacy Program at each installation. Prior to 1997 we counted cases of suspected spouse abuse reported to the installations’ Family Advocacy Programs.

Each case could include more than one incident of suspected abuse.

With an incident-based system we can calculate the recidivism rate of how many spouses within military families experience repeated abuse.

Q: What types of spouse abuse are included in this data?

A: The data includes physical and sexual abuse of a spouse, including acts of physical abuse in which no injury resulted. It also includes emotional abuse.

Q: Are all the victims civilian spouses?

A: No. Either the victim or the alleged abuser may be an active duty service member or the civilian spouse of an active duty service member.

Q: How are the rates of spouse abuse calculated?

A: The rates of incidents of spouse abuse per thousand couples have been calculated by multiplying the number of total incidents or substantiated incidents or victims in substantiated incidents, respectively, by 1000 and dividing the result by the sum of civilian spouses and one half the dual military marriages.

Q: How does the DoD data compare to data of domestic violence from studies of civilians?

A: Generally, the DoD data should not be compared to data from studies of civilians because there are significant differences in the designs of the studies. For example:

- The DoD data excludes reported or estimated abuse between dating couples, cohabiting but unmarried couples, and formerly married couples. Civilian studies almost always include these.
- The DoD data includes incidents of emotional abuse that occurred without any physical or sexual abuse, while most civilian studies only include physical or sexual abuse.
- The DoD demographics are usually much different from the demographics of the civilian studies. Family violence occurs more frequently in young couples, which are over-represented in the military population.

Community Updates

Thrift Shop Plan Open season

The Thrift Savings Plan open season will end Dec. 31.

During the open season, you may begin contributing to TSP or change the amount of your TSP contribution by logging on to <https://www.abc.army.mil>. Do not submit a TSP-1 Form to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office. It cannot process these forms. To make Interfund changes, use the www.tsp.gov Web site.

If you have any questions, please Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Lisa Hamlin at 533-5273, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or stop by CPAC, Building 22320.

Tax Center volunteer

The Fort Huachuca Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is looking for tax center volunteers responsible for taking client information and processing tax returns into an automated tax program. Tax training is provided, but prior experience preparing income tax returns is a plus. Volunteers should have some experience operating a computer with Windows. Point of contact is Capt. Julio C. Salazar at 533-2009.

Western International University

Registration is now open for the November session at Western International University. Classes begin November 4th. Please contact the WIU office at 459-5040 for a registration appointment.

Fort Huachuca Retiree Council

The Fort Huachuca Retiree Council is actively seeking new members as well as encouraging previous members to become active again. Per the Council's Charter, it shall be composed of a minimum of seven officers and seven enlisted members. One member should be a permanently disabled retiree, one member should be a retired servicewoman; and two members should be widows/widowers (one of a deceased retired officer and one of a deceased enlisted retiree).

Persons interested in becoming potential council members or for more information, contact Harlan Bradford at 458-6728 or Gail Desmond of Retirement Services at 533-1120 and you'll be notified of the next council meeting.

NARFE meeting reschedule

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1400 wishes to announce that the monthly meeting scheduled for Nov. 7 has been rescheduled for Oct. 31 at 11 a.m. at the Thunder Mountain Inn.

The move is due to renovations that are being made under new management. We apologize for any inconvenience to our membership and the public.

Passport Office

The Passport Office is located in Building

41421 on the first floor. The building is the first two-story building, 14 Rhea Street located in back of the Huachuca Federal Credit Union.

The Passport Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 - 11:30 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.

The web site for Passport/Visa requirements is www.dp.hq.af.mil/dplp/dplp.htm.

This web site may be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the country you will be entering.

The Passport Office processes passports and visa applications for active duty military, family members, and Department of Defense civilians who have orders. You may call 533-5010 if you have any questions. If you do not fall in this category, you may visit the Passport Office in Sierra Vista. Their address is 100 Colonia De Salud. Contact information is Carol Helton at 803-3061.

The hours to the downtown office are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1- 4:30 p.m. For more information call Office Services assistant Nina Sanchez at 533-5010.

Turn-in and requisition cutoff dates

Due to implementation of Single Stock Fund, Milestone 3, the Installation Supply Support Activity must establish the following cutoff dates for turn-ins and requisitions:

Cutoff for turn-ins: Oct. 15

Cutoff for requisitions: Monday at 3:30 p.m. High Priority Requisitions:

All high priorities must be manually processed by managers at the SSA. Customers are required to prepare DA Form 2765, request for issue or turn-in, and submit documents to the SSA. Under no circumstances are units authorized to call in orders to the source of supply. Normal processing for actions through the SSA will resume on November 4.

Questions may be addressed to Pat Quintana, 533-5610, or Dwight Holen at 533-0443.

Native American Heritage Month volunteers needed

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will host its Native American Heritage Month celebration on Nov. 14 at 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. located at the Murr Community Center.

Volunteers who would like to show their Native American artistry (basket weaving; native American jewelry, ect.) and or artifacts are being sought. In addition, looking for talented dancers, musicians, specialty food dishes, story telling or other related information pertaining to the Native American culture are needed from those willing to share with the Fort Huachuca community.

For more information contact the Post Equal Opportunity office at 533-1717, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade EO office at 533-3672, Army Signal Command EO office at

538-0909, 112th MI Bde. EO at 538-0533 or 11th Signal Bde. EO at 533-5202.

CSRS retirement CD/forms

The Fort Huachuca Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office recently received four Civil Service RS Retirement Forms CD.

This CD will allow those employees who are eligible to retire under CSRS, an efficient way to complete and print the forms that must be submitted to the Army Benefits Center when applying for retirement under CSRS .

Please note that the CD will not compute annuity estimates (estimates may be obtained by contacting ABC-C at <http://www.abc.army.mil> or toll free at 1-877-276-9287).

As part of our customer service, an eligible employee may sign out the CD for five working days at a time. If you are interested, please contact Eva Dixon at 533-5735 or Lisa Hamlin at 533-5273 to make an appointment/reservation.

Please present your Civilian ID card when picking up the CD.

Uniform SSI/OSB authorized

The Chief of Staff of the Army has authorized the wear of the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

The time for trick or treating is 6 - 8 pm. The post safety office will be handing out reflective bags to the youngest school children on the post and the Directorate for Public Safety will have a number of special activities to be announced in The Scout.

for Former Wartime Service and Overseas Service Bars for personnel participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

There are no orders issued for wear of the SSI-FWTS. In accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-104, military personnel offices may use documents such as orders, manifests, pay-related documents, DA Forms 4187, or memorandums signed by the commander to properly annotate soldier records with entries for combat service and overseas bars.

For wear guidance or more information, call the Coalition Forces Land Component Command C1 at DSN 438-2332.

Thrift Shop volunteers

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop is considering opening the shop one evening a month, possibly the first Tuesday of each month. The shop would like to get feed back from the public on this.

The shop will need volunteers that are dependable and sincere to make this happen and are particularly interested in getting active duty spouses involved. If this is something that you

would be interested in please write to the Thrift Shop, PO Box 12772, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670-2772 or call 458-4606 on Tuesday or Thursday and ask for the manager.

Range closures

Saturday – AG, AL, AM, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AG, AQ, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AG, AM, AU, AW

Tuesday – AG, AR, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AG, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Oct. 24 – AG, AM, AR, AU, AV, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Oct. 25 – AG, AM, AP, AU, AV, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Oct. 26 – AM, AP, AQ, AU, AV, T1, T1A, T2

Oct. 27 – AU, T1, T1A, T2

Note: The time after a training area means the area is open for hunting etc. Training will be conducted later in the day or night. MP's should make note of the times and inform hunters of time limits in a specific area. The time input will show on the Range Closure schedule during hunting seasons only. Hunters must be out of the training area at the designated time(s). Night training does not interfere with the hunts as hunts cease at night fall.

For more information on Range Closure call Range Control 533-7095.

CGSO Course

Majors have an opportunity to enroll in this required Officer Professional Development course on Fort Huachuca. Phase I and III of CGSOC will start in October and meet one weekend each month. The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including:

- Both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average;
- Workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students;
- Professional and structured learning environment;
- Instructor support.

There are both a minimum and maximum amount of students allowed in each class, so if interested in enrolling, contact Rick Meador at 538-5099.

FHOCSC craft bazaar

The Fort Huachuca Officer's and Civilian Spouses' Club will hold their annual fall craft bazaar Nov. 2 at Buena High School.

The FHOCSC is asking for anyone interested in renting a space to sell their crafts to call Sandy Frantz at 458-5988. There is also a limited space available for food concessions.

Sunday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN POWERLIFTING OPEN
at Barnes Field House Oct. 19 beginning at 10 a.m.
Spectator admission \$5.

..... Festival of Color 2002
Oct. 18, 8 a.m. Schoolyard launch, Oct. 19, 7 a.m. Fly to Park
& 6:30 p.m. Balloon Glo
Oct. 20 at 7 a.m. Fly to the Park

Monday

• Helldorado Days In Tombstone, AZ 20

• The Vigilantes at the Helldorado Set in Tombstone at 1 p.m. 27

• San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
• Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.
• A Co 86th Signal FRG Meeting begins at 6 p.m. at MCC

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Tuesday

• Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
• Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 – 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.
• Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.
• Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
• Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.
• 269th Signal Company Harvest Festival location TBD

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• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call Robert Atkinson at 459-2711
• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.
• Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer,- Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 – 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.
• Overseas Orientation to Korea from 6 – 8 p.m. at MCC call 533-6874/2330 to pre-register.

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Happy Halloween 31

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Thursday

• Army Community Service, Employment 17
offers a Resume Writing Workshop* from 8:30 a.m. – 3p.m. Call Roberta at 533-6970 for a reservation as seating is limited.
• Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer,- Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 – 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.
• SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Playstation Tournaments at the YC. This event begins at 3:30 p.m. This event is free and open to youth ages 11 – 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info.

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• Rollin' Thunder Skate 18
Park 5 – 9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.
• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

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Friday

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• Thunder Mountain Power Lifting Open at Barnes Field House beginning at 10 a.m.
• Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 – 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.
• Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.
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• Attend the Halloween Ball at Ethel Berger Center from 7 – 10 p.m. For folks 21 years & older. Cost is \$5

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MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

Chaplains assists soldiers, family members in time of crisis, grief

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When a tragic event, such as a soldier killed in an auto or training accident or a family member loses their life, the initial period of grief can be overwhelming to individuals close to the deceased.

Because an unexpected death is tough to deal with, the Installation Chaplains Office is readily available to console the pain and suffering individuals face when losing a friend or loved one.

The Installation Chaplains Office provides an on-call duty chaplain to respond to incidents occurring after-duty hours, including weekends and holidays.

When an incident occurs, the chaplain is notified and responds immediately to the scene of the crisis.

During the initial encounter with the family, the chaplain is there to be a support system by providing a caring, listening ear to what's taking place with them at the time, according to Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Minjares, Fort Huachuca deputy installation chaplain.

"At the initial notification, there can be a wide range of emotions the family member undergoes," Minjares said. "Denial, being hysterical, and disbelief. 'There's been a mistake; it's not my husband; it's not my loved one; they're not really dead.' Generally denial about the incident comes first."

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tive measure to hopefully keep this two-fold crime from happening on the installation.

This insight then puts leadership in a position where they can keep a closer eye on their soldiers.

"When a soldier fills out a travel voucher they have to attach orders, hotel receipts, or whatever they had," said Washburn. "Another form to attach would be a completed leave form."

According to Smith, leaders should "take the appropriate time to review the United Commander's Finance Reports, along with leave control logs, to verify leave balances to be correct."

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The entitlement section had the most changes, but that's always the case, said Lt. Col. Corrina Boggess, the chief of Military Mobilization Branch, Operations Division, G1. As an operation matures, additional information comes in. Awards are another ex-

I can't stress that enough, but it really does makes a difference for a person to be able to find someone they can talk to and can trust.

Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Minjares,
Deputy installation chaplain

Minjares further explained the chaplain's primary role at the initial encounter with the family is to provide a listening ear and to support the family in whatever way need be.

"Very often it may mean just sitting there and maintaining a presence with them," he said. "We're not there necessarily trying to figure out what to say."

The same counseling process given to family members parallels what the chaplains provide to soldiers of a unit experiencing a crisis, Minjares said.

He added the real value of what the chaplains provide to soldiers is total confidentiality.

"A soldier can come see me and say, 'I'm really struggling with this issue and I'm not sure I can continue to do my job,'" Minjares said. "So we can talk about those issues that are really troubling them, whereas it might be more difficult to talk to the first sergeant. I can guarantee them that what we talk about will not go anywhere."

But according to Washburn, who knows how commanders and leadership are overburdened, too often leave theft falls through the cracks.

He continued, "Taking these simple proactive measures could eliminate the possibility of a soldier being the suspect in a CID investigation."

This problem isn't anything new either, said CID. It is an Army-wide reoccurring problem that comes across agents' desks throughout their careers.

"Part of human nature," Washburn said this occurs because "where there's a will, there's a way."

Minjares admitted sometimes soldiers feel they need to maintain a presence or persona of being tough and invincible, particularly in front of their leaders.

So when a tragic event occurs, it is difficult for soldiers to vent out their inner feelings.

"Behind that mask, they're human beings and it hurts just like it does anyone else," Minjares said. "It's not a sign of weakness."

Although taking a minute just to talk to someone may seem not a lot, Minjares explained that soldiers and family members should not be afraid to talk about what they're feeling.

"Talking to somebody about difficulties in your life is vitally important," Minjares

"But it is the same with civilians also when it comes to reporting hours," he added. Both have regulations regarding reporting leave hours and if not reported it is not only theft but also fraud.

Smith and Washburn felt the need to spread the word of this leave/TDY theft to help commanders, leaders, or even supervisors know of this problem and to open their eyes so that it can be prevented on Fort Huachuca.

Often it is not the commanders who have a greater knowledge of the soldier's orders who sign off on the travel voucher, but the supervisors.

Personnel policy guidance is written for any contingency the military is involved in, and all the specific requirements and benefits for that particular theater are published in the guidance Boggess said.

Devising this policy was a unique experience

"We need to give them the tools on how to prepare themselves to keep their soldiers out of trouble," said Smith.

CID wants to make sure everyone knows that this problem is criminal in nature. The theft of leave time will not only get the violator ten years in prison with a bad conduct dismissal, it also has the additional fraud charge demanding another five years imprisonment with a bad conduct dismissal.

If anyone suspects a servicemember of stealing leave/TDY time they may call the CID hotline and leave an anonymous tip at 533-0914.

rience because it was the first time a PPG had been done for a stateside operation, Boggess said. There were also no previous plans stating what type of equipment and immunizations were going to be needed for the Afghanistan theater, she added.

Soldier's Lawyer

I am on active duty and going through a divorce. Is my spouse entitled to a portion of my retirement and/or disability payments?

Maybe. There is a common misconception that the law automatically entitles a former spouse to a fixed percentage of a military member's retirement benefits. In reality, federal law simply permits state courts to divide a military retirement upon divorce in whatever way a state court sees as fit. The rules can change, however, when a portion of a military retirement is actually a payment for disability. These rules depend on the type of disability payments a servicemember receives.

Military Disability Retired Pay

Military disability pay is available for those service members who are sufficiently disabled that they cannot perform their assigned duties. If a member has enough creditable service, this individual may be placed on the "disability retired list" and begin to draw disability retired pay. For example, if a Col. Ruiz is able to retire with military disability pay his amount of disability retired pay would be based on the higher of two different calculations. Assume that Col. Ruiz has an

ample of entitlements that have to be added later in the operation.

Initially there are no awards for a particular operation, but now mobilized reservists can wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Boggess said.

active duty base pay of \$3,000 per month, 20 years of creditable service, and a disability rating of forty percent (40%).

The first step is to calculate Ruiz's normal monthly retired pay based on his years in service. This is done by multiplying 2.5% times his years of service times his base pay. In this instance, it would be 2.5% x 20 years x \$3,000 = \$1,500 per month. The next step is to multiply his base pay times his disability rating. This calculation yields \$3,000 x 40% = \$1,200 per month. Ruiz would then receive the higher of these two amounts (In this case it would be the 1,500 per month in military disability retired pay). Federal law allows states courts to divide only the amount of pay that is the difference between the two above amounts, that is, the difference between gross retired pay and his disability pay based solely on the disability rating. In this example, the difference is \$1,500 minus \$1,200 or only \$300 as divisible military retired pay. Thus, although Mrs. Ruiz might normally be entitled to \$750 per month (or half of \$1,500) as her spousal share of a normal military pension, a disability retirement would yield her only half of \$300, or \$150 a month under Arizona's community property standard.

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Pets of the Week



I am a beautiful, well mannered white cat named Georgia. I get along with dogs, children, and other cats. I am very affectionate and loving. My adoption fee is \$22, which a leukemia test, a microchip, and a deworming.



I am a sassy, striped orange tabby named Adventure. I am very playful, and loving. My adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, vaccinations, a leukemia test, a microchip, and a deworming. So if you want an adorable loving feline in your home, just come on in and ask for Adventure.



I am a playful tan and white 1 -yr.- old Britney Spaniel mix named Paulie. I love to run and play ball, or go hiking with the family. My adoption fee is \$42, which takes care of my neutering, heartworm test, microchip, vaccinations, and a deworming.



I am a loving black and cream colored keashound mix. I am house broken, wonderful with kids, and love to smile. My adoption fee is \$42 which takes care of my heartworm test, neuter, microchip, vaccinations and deworming. So come on down and ask for Bear.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.